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Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama: draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 784 (1992) and 961 (1994) and reaffirming its resolutions 47/158 of 18 December 1992 and 48/203 of 21 December 1993,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador 1/ and on the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador, 2/

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in implementing the commitments assumed as a result of the signing of the Chapultepec Agreement, which put an end to the armed conflict in El Salvador through a negotiation process developed under the auspices of the Secretary-General,

Noting that, in spite of national efforts and the support given by the international community to the implementation of priority programmes in the National Reconstruction Plan and the strengthening of democratic institutions,

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2/ S/1994/1212 and Add.1.

as well as to the implementation of certain priority programmes relating to the Peace Agreement, which are crucial to the consolidation of peace, some of these programmes have continued to be affected by, inter alia, the limited availability of financial resources,

Recognizing that El Salvador is in a critical stage of transition from peace-keeping to peace-building, through the implementation of any remaining commitments under the Peace Agreement and the strengthening of integrated and sustainable development programmes, and emphasizing the importance and necessity of international technical and financial assistance for the sustainability of those programmes in support of national efforts to secure a firm and lasting peace,

Taking into account the need to ensure the full implementation of the commitments undertaken in the Peace Agreement and to strengthen the national machinery which will monitor the peace-building process following the completion of the mandate of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador,

Noting with satisfaction the joint declaration by the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional of 4 October 1994, in which they agree to cooperate closely and actively to expedite the implementation of any remaining commitments under the Peace Agreement and the dispatch of a joint mission to donor countries and institutions to conduct negotiations in order to obtain the resources required for the promotion and consolidation of peace and development in El Salvador,

1. Again expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General and his representatives for their effective and timely intervention, to the "group of four friends", Colombia, Spain, Mexico and Venezuela, and to the United States of America and other interested States for their contribution to building peace in El Salvador;

2. Again expresses its gratitude to the international community, especially the cooperating community, to the specialized agencies of the United Nations system and to international development and financing institutions, both governmental and non-governmental, for the technical and financial assistance they have provided to El Salvador to supplement the effort to build peace;

3. Recognizes that the implementation of the remaining commitments of the Peace Agreement, the continuation of programmes of national reconstruction, the strengthening of democratic institutions and the promotion of sustainable development constitute the collective goals, aspirations and needs of the country in overcoming the root causes of the crisis and consolidating peace, democracy and human development;

4. Again calls upon the signatories to the Chapultepec Agreement to expedite the implementation of any remaining commitments under that Agreement, in accordance with the joint declaration signed on 4 October 1994, in order to guarantee fully the building of peace in El Salvador and hence to encourage the international community to increase the level of financial resources accorded to priority projects for reconstruction, development and the strengthening of democratic institutions in El Salvador;

5. Requests all States and international institutions active in the field of international development and financing to continue to contribute to the building of peace in El Salvador, urging them to respond flexibly and generously to the joint efforts by the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional to put together the resources needed to implement fully the Peace Agreement and other priority development programmes conducive to the establishment of a strong and lasting peace in El Salvador;

6. Invites the international financial organizations to work with the Government of El Salvador in considering measures to harmonize the priority programmes arising out of the Peace Agreement and the National Reconstruction Plan with economic adjustment and stabilization policies in order to facilitate the process of peace-building and make it more viable;

7. Again requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures and make every possible effort to mobilize the material and financial resources needed to meet the requirements of the priority programmes in El Salvador that are critical to the successful outcome of the peace process;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.